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Dear Professor Lederberg,

Thank you for your letter of 28 January, and apologies for my delay in replying: this was due to the absence from Geneva of one of the colleagues with whom I needed to discuss your proposal.

Following discussions with Drs Cvjetanovic and Barua of the Bacterial Diseases unit, we are agreed that the problem with genetic susceptibility to different infectious diseases is that many of the genetic aspects are not well known, especially in as far as the mechanisms of immune response are concerned.

I am sending to you for information, under separate cover, a copy of an article on "ABO Blood Groups and Cholera".

We feel that your proposal on blood group distribution (and also other genetic markers) of clinical cases of cholera certainly does need to be studied. We are now considering some concrete ways of realising such studies, and would be pleased to receive any further proposals from you.

We look forward to having the opportunity of discussing this matter with you during your visit to Geneva in June.

Yours sincerely,

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